

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation into the Natural Gas Procurement
Practices of the Southwest Gas Company.

Investigation 01-06-047
(Filed June 28, 2001)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
EXTENDING PROCEEDING'S TIMETABLE**

On November 9, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) requested an extension of this proceeding's timetable, which was adopted by ruling on September 13. The following schedule is consistent with ORA's proposal and the availability of the hearing officer:

Event	<u>Current Date</u>	<u>Proposed Date</u>
Investigation 01-06-047 Filed	June 28, 2001	
SW Gas Files Report Ordered	July 18, 2001	
ALJ Ruling Posing Scoping Issues for PHC	August 22, 2001	
PHC and PPH Held in Victorville	August 31, 2001	
Scoping Memo Issued	September 13, 2001	
Notices of Intent to Claim Compensation Due	September 30, 2001	
SW Testimony Served	October 15, 2001	
Responsive Testimony	November 15, 2001	December 14, 2001
Rebuttal Testimony Served	November 30, 2001	January 4, 2002
Evidentiary Hearings Begin	December 11, 2001	January 22, 2002
Closing Argument Before Assigned Commissioner	December 14, 2001	To be determined later
Public Participation Hearing, Big Bear Lake	January 8, 2002	Same
Public Participation Hearing, Apple Valley	January 9, 2002	Same
Concurrent Opening Briefs Filed (including any request for oral argument before the Commission)	January 15, 2002	February 22, 2002
Concurrent Reply Briefs Filed and Projected Submission Date	January 31, 2002	March 8, 2002
Proposed Decision Issues	March 15, 2002	April 19, 2002

Final Commission Decision	April 15, 2002	May 20, 2002
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In response to oral questions, ORA made clear that the requested extension would facilitate its participation in the proceeding. In addition, ORA consulted with all parties in this proceeding, and none objects to the extensions requested by ORA or the new procedural timetable.

After discussing this request fully with the Assigned Commissioner, it has become clear that granting the extension serves the public interest. In particular, the full participation of ORA in this proceeding will help in the development of an evidentiary record. We therefore adopt ORA's proposed schedule for this proceeding.

IT IS RULED that the procedural timetable proposed herein shall replace the timetable adopted for this proceeding by ruling on September 13, 2001.

Dated November 14, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ TIMOTHY J. SULLIVAN

Timothy J. Sullivan
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Extending Proceeding's Timetable on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated November 14, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KRIS KELLER

Kris Keller

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